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Public Service

Appointment of an upper division clerk as Superintendent in the Chief Secretariat in 1926.

* 43 *Q.*—B. Pocker Sahib Bahadur: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that an upper division clerk of the Law Department was appointed as Superintendent in the Chief Secretariat in the last quarter of 1926; and

(*b*) if so, the name of the person so appointed with his qualifications and the pay drawn at the time of his appointment?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) C. S. David, B.A. (Hons.), Rs. 110.

B. Pocker Sahib Bahadur:—"May I know whether it was not with the object of giving communal representation that this gentleman, Mr. C. S. David, was raised to the post of Superintendent, from one department to another, over the heads of so many senior clerks of the same department?"

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—"I am sorry, Sir, I am not able to give any information on the point. A search for the papers in connexion with this question showed that they have unfortunately been destroyed, and therefore I am not able to say what the reasons for the appointment were."

B. Pocker Sahib Bahadur:—"Is it a fact that in 1926, there was not even one Christian Superintendent, and that was the reason for this gentleman being chosen from the upper division to the Superintendent's post?"

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—"As I have stated I cannot say what the facts were."

Diwan Bahadur C. S. Ratnasabhapati Mudaliyar:—"The hon. Member says that the papers were destroyed; were they destroyed in the ordinary course, or were they clandestinely destroyed?"

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—"In the ordinary course I believe."

Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed:—"May I know whether the hon. Member is in a position to deny that the appointment was made on communal considerations?"

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—"I am not in a position to accept or to deny that statement."

Administration of Justice

Paucity of panchayat courts in South Kanara.

* 44 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether in South Kanara there are many villages for which no panchayat courts have yet been constituted;

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(b) whether some of the villages subject to two different munsifs' courts have been grouped together and put under the jurisdiction of one panchayat court; and

(c) if so, whether there is any proposal to put an end to such unsatisfactory grouping?

A.—(a) & (b) The Government have no definite information.

(c) There is no such proposal before the Government.

Mr. A. B. SHETTY:—" May I know whether it is the policy of the Government to constitute panchayat courts for all villages? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—" It depends on the recommendations of the Collector."

Mr. A. B. SHETTY:—" May I know whether the Government will consider the desirability of grouping the villages in such a way that villages subject to two distinct courts are not put in under one panchayat court? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—" I shall consider my hon. Friend's suggestion."

Electricity

Electrification of the town of Bhavani.

* 45 Q.—Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state whether the electrification of the town of Bhavani has been completed?

A.—Yes.

Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER:—" May I know whether there is any proposal to extend the supply of power to Kumarapalayam Union town which is very close to Bhavani? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—" I am not aware of any such proposal."

Forests

Resolutions passed by the landholders of Puttur in regard to forest concessions in the reserve areas.

* 46 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the resolutions passed at a meeting of the landholders in Puttur on 29th April 1933—

(1) requesting the Government not to withdraw the privileges granted to the people in respect of reserved forests ; and

(2) pointing out the necessity for clearing the growth of bushes in cattle grazing areas in reserve forests; and

(b) whether the Government have considered the request made in these resolutions?